THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** 

**DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING** 

October 22, 2013

A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island

Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on

October 22, 2013, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention

Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Jeff Hirsh, Joe DeLorenzo, Stan Israel,

Scott Gunn and Paul MacDonald.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Kim Keough and Betty

Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, RICC; Daniel Schwartz, VETS; Larry

Lepore, Bob Cappalli and Beth Johnson, DDC; Nancy Beauchamp,

DDC/RICC; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, recording

secretary.

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM

Mr. MacDonald asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the

September meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. DeLorenzo and

seconded by Mr. Israel it was unanimously

**VOTED:** to approve the minutes of the September meeting

Mr. MacDonald recognized Mr. Lepore and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Lepore presented the financial report for the Dunk. Mr. Lepore stated that September's loss will be made up in October. He noted that WWE was budgeted for September did not happen until October. Mr. Lepore reported that we did better than expected on the Celtics pre-season game.

Mr. Lepore noted that the paint party that was in the building over the weekend resulted in less than 10 rescue runs and no arrests. Mr. MacDonald asked who pays for the transport. Mr. Lepore said that since most of the attendees are college students they are on their parent's health coverage or have coverage through the school. He said that transport is the responsibility of the patient. Mr. Gunn commented on the low parking for the event. Mr. Lepore said that patrons were mostly college students and they used cabs or other methods of transportation.

Mr. Lepore announced that there will be a charitable event in support of Tiger Balletto in the Dunk. Mr. Lepore reported that the staff has volunteered their time. Mr. Lepore explained that Tiger Balletto is a seriously injured boxer that has fought here in the Dunk. Mr. MacDonald said that Tiger is a fine young man from Providence that has done a great deal for the kids in the City.

Mr. Lepore reported that security gates are being installed that will

block the concourse when the building is unoccupied. Mr. Lepore said that the basketball court is here and that Providence College will be taking a look at it soon. New lighting has been installed in the bowl and Providence College is very pleased. He said on the other hand the Providence Bruins have indicated that there are shadows along the dashers. Mr. Lepore said that he thinks we have the issue resolved. Mr. Lepore noted that the new lighting will save significantly on energy costs.

Mr. Lepore reported that the Elton John Concert has already reached the guaranteed ticket sales. He said that this is the quality of entertainment that we need to attract and maintain suite holders. Mr. Lepore said that it looks like we are going to have a good year.

Mr. Hirsh asked the progress of the corridor branding for Providence College. Mr. Lepore said that we are close to an agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding the November meeting date and time. Mr. McCarvill reminded the committee that the November meeting is scheduled for the 19th. Mr. MacDonald said that he prefers meeting in the morning. It was decided the next committee meetings would be held on Wednesday, November 20th at 9:00 AM.

Mr. MacDonald asked if there was any new business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Gunn and seconded by Mr. Israel it was unanimously **VOTED:** to adjourn at 9:30 AM